

A Heavy Earth.
Late, For "Plans."
Storm, Whale, Meteor.
I'm One of Them.
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Lord Newton tells the British House of Lords that 300 tons of soil fall yearly on each square mile of London. A heavy weight, but the old earth would scarcely notice it. According to Oliver Lodge, this earth weighs six thousand trillion tons. And the English trillion is what we call a quintillion. Write down 1, add 18 zeroes. Multiply that by six thousand and you have the number of tons the earth weighs. The moon weighs millions, possibly billions, of tons; they don't know exactly. When it falls on this earth, as it must do eventually, according to scientists, it will cause commotion, but it won't knock the heavy earth out of its path. That's hundreds of millions of years off. Don't worry.

The Cabinet "plans to act" in the railroad strike. It's time. The railroads belong to the people. They made them, support them, and have been to a large extent ruled and exploited by them. A nation that would not allow its water supply to be cut off should not allow its transportation supply to end or its food supply to be menaced.

This does not mean that owners of railroads should be put at the mercy of strikers or compelled to yield without a hearing. There should be plenty of hearings, fair to both sides, and the public interest and the public sense of justice should decide. Meanwhile the railroads should run. And what applies to railroads applies to coal mines and other public necessities.

The Scandinavian ship Frederick VIII reports a heavy storm, a large whale, and one very big meteor that dropped flaming, hissing, and sizzling into the ocean. Times and theories change. Moderns know that the storm was caused by air rushing in to fill a space from which hot air had risen. We know that no devils were riding on the storm to wreck mariners.

We know the whale wasn't following the ship, hoping that somebody might jump overboard and be taken as passenger. We know that the "falling star" was simply one of millions of meteors constantly falling on the earth, usually melted by the heat of friction as they rush through the air, and was not an attempt by supernatural power to hit some little human creature.

An old man jumped off a ferryboat in New York harbor, leaving his money in Wall Street and a post card on the deck reading, "There is a sucker born for Wall Street every minute. I am one of them." No gambler can win in Wall Street, Monte Carlo, or anywhere else. A man won \$500 on a \$1 lottery ticket, and asked his wife, "How shall we invest it?" Her reply was, "Buy five hundred more tickets." That's what gamblers do, always. The pendulum swings back and forth. Eventually it swings a little too far the wrong way. That ends them. They go over the side of the ferryboat.

Politicians, old and new style, tell you, "Don't talk about the labor vote, there is no such thing. Some of their leaders talk between elections, but they line up on election day." Employers of labor on a big scale tell you, "In the long run no need to worry about labor. Workingmen do not stick together."

You read that British coal miners will not help American coal miners on strike. Mr. Lewis, head of the miners, thought British workmen would supply no coal for shipment to this country. On the contrary, British workmen say they will supply two million tons per month, which, of course, means helping to break the strike.

Judge Gary says good crops will save the day in this country, in spite of bad conditions, strikes, etc. He also believes that the wonderfully promising crops of Russia will stop starvation there and help put the Russian government and people on their feet. Unlike some foolish individuals that bought the czar's bonds, and couldn't collect, Judge Gary knows that the whole world is interested in the welfare of Central and Eastern Europe. Civilization can't live half dead and half alive.

The French government puts a luxury tax on wines. Frenchmen of the Bordeaux region, whence come the Lafite, La Rose, Mouton Rothschild, etc., parade, led by senators and deputies. They say wine is not a luxury, but a necessity of life. Over here we say it is a poison, and you mustn't drink it, tax or no tax. Quite a difference of opinion. This country asks England to help us be pure, good, non-

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MAIN 5260 CALLS THE TIMES

THREE CENTS EVERYWHERE.

D. C. TO RUN TRUCK TRAINS IN STRIKE

Evan Says 'Sonny' Is Common Law Husband

I. C. C. BEGINS DICTATORSHIP

Mother of Dancer Who Accuses Whitney
Photo Taken At Kew Gardens, Where She Cares For "Sonny, Jr."

STAYED IN NEW HAVEN AS WIFE OF "SONNY"

Pact Made in 1919, Actress Asserts—Hotel Entry Obtained.

TRANSPORT OF FOOD IS FIRST AIM

Control Not Intended to End Strike, But to Keep Factories Going.

By International News Service.
AUSTIN, Tex., July 26.—By proclamation of Governor Pat M. Neff, martial law became effective at 5 o'clock this morning in the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas railroad area at Denison, and certain portions of Grayson county along the tracks of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. Rangers have been ordered to Sherman and Childress.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service.

The nation went back to wartime regulation of the railroads today, while peace in the industrial chaos brought on by the paralyzing rail and coal strikes appeared almost as far distant as ever. For all practical purposes, the railroads of the country, with their 250,000 miles of tracks, were merged into one gigantic system today, with interchangeable equipment and operating under orders to move food and fuel above all else.

I. C. C. Has All Power.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its broad powers derived from the Transportation act, became overnight a miniature railroad administration, empowered to suspend all rules and regulations and to enforce its fuel and food carrying orders under heavy penalties. The national emergency declared by the commission, and the priority ratings accorded shipments of fuel and food on all railroads. Government officials believe, will reduce public suffering and inconvenience to the minimum, while at the same time affording the Government a breathing spell to figure on new method of settling the strikes.

That the action through the Interstate Commerce Commission is only a ploy to apply to the aggravated situation, and not a cure, was generally recognized by Administration officials.

The cure can only come through a resumption of mining on a large scale in mines now idle for four months, and through expert labor being attracted into the repair shops of the railroads to work on rapidly deteriorating equipment.

Peace Still Far Off.

There were few indications today that the Government contemplates any immediate steps in the direction of restoring peace in either the rail or coal strike. For the time being, it appeared the administration is going to devote its major efforts to insuring the movement of life's necessities, food and fuel; to prevention of profiteering, and to spreading out the available coal supplies over as thin a surface as is possible. At the same time encouragement will be given to any measures designed to speed up production in both union and non-union mines.

The experiment of trying to mine coal with volunteer workers under troop protection will be given a thorough testing before any additional action is taken in the coal situation, it was said at the White House.

alcoholic. We request permission to search British ships outside the three-mile limit, that we may seize rum contraband. We also ask Canada to protect us. Canada and England will probably say, "You are more than seven years old. If you don't want to drink, DON'T DRINK. It isn't our affair."

Augustus Thomas To Be Chief Arbiter of Theatricals

By Universal Service.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Augustus Thomas, dean of American playwrights, has been selected as the Will H. Hays of the theatrical producing industry. At a meeting of the producing managers' association yesterday afternoon, he was chosen as the head of the organized theater. His duties will be similar to those of Judge Landis in the baseball world. He will begin his term of office on August 1 and it will last three years. The power he will yield will be unprecedented in the theatrical world. The association he heads is composed of fifty-three members among whom are all the important producers in the country.

The producers selected him, it was explained, because they recognize the benefit that has come to baseball through the selection of Judge Landis and to the moving picture industry through Will Hays in whom are concentrated the executive powers of those industries.

SWIMMER DROWNS IN DOING TIED-UP STUNT

PITTSBURGH, July 26.—Two men were in jail here yesterday in connection with the drowning of William G. Githins, who died while attempting to free himself under water from a thong which bound his hands and feet.

Two companions, to whom he had boasted of his ability to escape from knotted cords, tied Githins at his request, police say, and dropped him into the river. He rose to the surface screaming and attracted nearby bathers. They were too late to resuscitate him.

BRITISH SHIPS USE "WET" AND "DRY" PORT PAPERS

British ships running rum through the American prohibition gauntlet have been revealed in some cases to have double sets of clearance papers to enable them to pass inspection in American waters, it was learned officially here today. One set of papers would set forth that the ship was enroute to America from British ports in ballast. The other set, discovered by the American diplomatic corps, would state that the ship was now in progress between Great Britain and the United States over the rum-running industry from British possessions.

LEWIS CALLS MINE POLICY 'LAMENTABLE BREAKDOWN'

NEW YORK, July 26.—Failure of the bituminous coal mines to reopen, following the issuance of President Harding's proclamation assuring military protection for men returning to their jobs or new men hired, was referred to as a "lamentable breakdown of the Federal policy" in a statement issued today by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America. Lewis severely arraigned "employment of the citizen soldiery of our country in the protection of imported strikebreakers."

SWIFT CHANNEL FOR REAL ESTATE SALES

BECAUSE The Washington Times circulates among Washington's prosperous progressive citizenship, it naturally follows that many of the choicest real estate offerings are advertised in its columns. The Times Want Ad columns. When a reputable owner of city property would like to buy country acreage, he puts his proposition up to Washington Times readers. And the same successful method is employed by the man in the country who seeks to sell his holdings and buy property in the city. The resulting transactions are as swift as they are potent with mutual profit. That's why it is so unnecessary to own real estate you do not want. Just put your proposition on paper in Want Ad form and leave with or

PHONE MAIN 5260. TIMES WANT ADS FOR PROMPT, SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

D. C. TO RUN AUTO TRAIN IN STRIKE OF 'FLIRT'

Business Men Will Pool Resources to Keep Supply Lines Out.

Pooling of the motor transportation of Washington merchants, and organization of truck trains between this city and outside points of supply will be considered by a special committee to be appointed this week by Gen. Anton Stephan, president of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association.

To Keep Fuel Lines Open.

Determined that Washington merchants shall not suffer from either the railroad or coal strikes, the association is planning immediate organization of means to keep fuel and other supply lines open.

This committee is not going to be a large one, but it is going to be exceedingly active and will be backed by every merchant in the city. Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the association, said today. "The duty of the committee will be to supply coal and transportation for Washington merchants. We are not going to wait until we begin to suffer from the present situation before we act. Every resource of the association is going to be bent toward preventing hardship here."

The committee, it is understood, will begin an immediate survey to locate every available motor truck, automobile, power boat, and airplane in or near the District and will then undertake immediate organization of supply trains upon which the interests of the District depend.

District Not to Suffer.

"We don't expect that any residents of this city will suffer, even in case the strikes are prolonged until winter," Mr. Columbus declared. "Of course merchants who had to go long distances for small quantities of goods would lose money on the motortruck haul. But by a pooling of interests full loads and even full truck trains from distant cities could haul goods very efficiently and economically."

"All of the largest merchant houses and manufacturing concerns in the District of Columbia are represented in our association, and we feel confident that there will be no impairment to their business or the well-being of any Washingtonian."

"For instance, every jewelry house in the city is represented. Their needs would not be for extended transportation, but for fuel. Thus they would jointly stand the cost of securing and hauling coal to this city in event of a prolonged railway tie-up."

"On the other hand, the dry goods houses would be in need of transportation facilities and, through this association, they would organize truck trains directly to their centers of supply."

"Each type of concern in the city will band together in a similar fashion, and through the emergency committee, an accurate determination of the fuel needs will be made and estimates secured of the precise amount of transportation facilities needed from each of the supply centers for business houses of all classes."

Names Not Announced. Names of the members of the emergency committee will not be announced until each member has signified his willingness and ability to serve during the period of crisis. General Stephan declares that appointment of the committee will be given the deepest consideration so that there can be no possibility of failure in securing an effective organization.

GIRL HELD IN KILLING OF 'FLIRT'

Conflicting Stories Hang Cloud of Mystery Around Slaying in Cleveland.

By International News Service.

CLEVELAND, July 26.—An attempted flirtation with Mrs. Mabel Barnett, twenty-two years old and pretty, in the Downing restaurant in the heart of the Euclid avenue theater district, resulted in the killing early today of Edward O'Connell, thirty-one, whose home is said to be at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio, according to police theory.

Two Put Under Arrest.

A man giving the name of Clifford Barnett, 728 East Sandusky street, Kansas City, Mo., and a woman who is registered at police headquarters as Mabel Barnett and refuses to give her home address, are held for questioning at police headquarters after they had attempted to flee the scene of the killing in a touring car bearing two Texas license numbers.

The woman asserts that she is the wife of Barnett, while he declares that he saw her for the first time yesterday afternoon. She says that her husband's father is a wealthy Texas oil operator and that they have been touring New York and other Eastern States and stopped for a few days on their way west in Cleveland.

Scores of diners in the restaurant early this morning saw the altercation which preceded the killing. The couple, registered as Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, had scarcely entered the dining room when O'Connell seated himself at the same table.

Then angry voices of the two men were heard in heated altercation. Witnesses say a blow was struck. A revolver was pulled, then three shots in rapid succession rang out, and O'Connell fell to the floor fatally wounded. He died on his way to a hospital.

The man and woman attempted to make a getaway in their car, parked outside the restaurant, but were arrested by Patrolman Buhl as they stepped into the machine.

Woman Firm Under Grilling.

Continued grilling at police headquarters failed to break down the first story told by the woman. "I never did it, I never did," she cried. "Ask him, he knows," pointing to her companion.

A cough interrupted the words, then defiantly: "I should worry if they charge me with murder. I've got tuberculosis and I'll never live to die for it."

"The gun was in O'Connell's hands," she sobbed. "He pulled it from his pocket and it went off by accident."

A companion's story, while agreeing upon the facts of the quarrel, differed materially. "I met this girl yesterday afternoon," he said. "I never saw her before. We had been out dancing and came in for a bite to eat. O'Connell spoke to the woman. I resented it. O'Connell struck me in the face and then pulled his revolver. I picked it up and fired, and O'Connell fell."

Barnett said he was registered at the Hotel Statler and that he was a Kansas City traveling salesman, but a check-up of the guest list failed to reveal his name. Mrs. Barnett is dark, medium in stature, and pretty. She was dressed in a terra cotta colored cape and silk stockings with a butterfly effect in the front and a checkerboard effect in the back. Her hands bore a profuse embellishment of rings, which police are holding.

Another Couple Also Held.

She appeared defiant, powdering her face and nose as she was brought in to be questioned by detectives. Barnett is a tall, sharp-featured man, wearing a light gray suit and a straw hat. He appeared haggard and worn out this morning when he walked out of the detective bureau into Captain Matowitz's office.



MRS. FLORENCE E. FONTAINE, Mother of Evan Burrows Fontaine, who is shing young Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney as the father of her son. Mrs. Fontaine made the first announcement of the sensational suit. The photo was taken at Kew Gardens, L. I., where Mrs. Fontaine lives with the little boy.

HOME FOLKS ROAR WELCOME FOR JOHNSON

"We're With You," Shout Crowds as Hiram Opens Campaign in California.

By Universal Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—Back today in his home city, United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson hurled defiance "at the same old gang in the same old way."

The dominant personality which has commanded respect of even his enemies in his early political battles in California was evidenced again in the same forcefulness of speech and fighting spirit characteristic of his governorship days.

Arriving four hours late last night, Senator Johnson was greeted by a great throng. He assured them, "We'll do in this fight what we've done in every fight since 1900."

As the senior California Senator proclaimed that he would "give blow for blow and meet the enemy on their own ground," the response of the crowd rang out in cries of "We're with you" and "That's the stuff, Hiram."

From the moment the Senator's train entered California it was a continuous round of vociferous ovations. His advisers and close friends met him at Truckee. At Blue Canyon another large delegation boarded the train. At Colfax a local delegation greeted the Senator. At Auburn a second delegation of leading agriculturists boarded his train.

When the city of his birth and the State capital, where he waged his vigorous gubernatorial fights—Sacramento—was reached a crowd that packed the Southern Pacific station and yards to capacity met his train. Here he made the first speech of his campaign and announced he was back to fight "with both fists."

'BARBER'S' WIFE HELD IN DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL

Bertha Katz Dies in Hospital After Row Involving Reiser Family.

By International News Service.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Miss Bertha Katz, twenty-eight years old, of Sterling place, Brooklyn, died in St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, today from three bullet wounds.

She said that the shooting took place in the bedroom of her home, and according to the police, she accused Morris Reiser, son of Miss John J. Reiser, of New York, whose husband is known as "John the Barber." John Reiser was former manager of Abe Attell.

Morris Reiser, his brother George, Katz, a brother of the dead woman, were detained by the Brooklyn police on a charge of homicide.

The dead woman was a sister of Mrs. Reiser and an aunt of Morris and George Reiser. The woman's breast and a third penetrated her hand. The Brooklyn police said that a revolver was found in the possession of Mrs. Reiser, and that she claimed that she herself, and not her son, was responsible for the shooting. The police believe that the shooting was the result of jealousy. Mrs. Reiser filed a suit for separation against her husband last November, naming Miss Katz as co-respondent.

John Reiser visited the Liberty Avenue police station last night, asking for protection for Miss Katz. He said that he feared she would be attacked. Detective William Donnelly went to the Katz home with Reiser, but remained only a short time, in the belief that the fears of "John the Barber" were groundless.

Miss Katz made a death bed statement to Assistant District Attorney Reuben Wilson, of Kings county, but it was not made public. Before she died Mrs. Reiser, her two sons, and Max Katz were all taken to the hospital. According to the police, Miss Katz identified Morris Reiser as the person who fired the fatal shots.

By Cosmopolitan News Service.

NEW YORK, July 26.—From a source of unquestionable authority, the Evening Journal learned today that Miss Evan Burrows Fontaine is prepared to base her legal fight to legitimize the rights of her eighteen-months-old son on the claim that she already has ample warrant for considering herself the common-law wife of Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, after whom the child was named.

Cites 1919 Agreement. Documentary evidence in support of this contention is said to be in the hands of one of the several attorneys who have had a part in the preparation of the case of the pretty interpreter of Oriental dances.

The "common law agreement" is alleged to have been entered into between young Whitney and the dancer in January, 1919. The wealthy youth was attending Yale at the time. There had been a quarrel between him and Miss Fontaine.

Repeated overtures having failed to result in a reconciliation, the dancer had notified him of her decision to terminate their friendship for good and had asked for the return of letters exchanged between them.

Young Whitney is said to have agreed and to have telephoned her to stop over at the Hotel Taft in New Haven on her way back to New York from Boston, where she was then visiting.

Just before Miss Fontaine's train pulled into the New Haven station, however, Miss Flora Payne Whitney, sister of the young Yale man, arrived from New York to visit him.

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"Pooftie" Whitney is now Mrs. Rodrick Tower, wife of the son of Charlesmagne Tower, former United States ambassador to Germany.

Quarrel Patched Up.

After a while Miss Fontaine arose from her table and went into an adjoining room to telephone to her mother, Mrs. Evan Fontaine, then living at the Hotel Pennsylvania here. Young Whitney, it is said, followed her out of the dining room. He explained that his sister had arrived suddenly and that he had felt it incumbent upon him to entertain her.

"Later that day, however, the couple had a longer talk and patched up their quarrel. Young Whitney insisted upon the dancer remaining in New Haven until evening and attending a theater with him. She finally agreed and telephoned her mother, promising to take an 11 o'clock train home."

The performance lasted beyond that hour, however, and upon consulting her time table, the dancer found that the only train available would be a milk train. She telephoned her mother in her dilemma, suggesting that she remain at the Hotel Taft for the night.

Mrs. Fontaine was reluctant to have her do this, and the daughter announced her intention of taking the next milk train back to New York. "Later after thinking over, however, Mrs. Fontaine insisted upon her remaining at the Taft and taking an early morning train for home. Instead of returning with her to the Taft, however, young Whitney took the dancer to the Hotel Garden, is it said, enclosing a room there for "Mr. and Mrs. Crane." According to the sponsor of the story Miss Fontaine expressed her surprise at the methods of her ardent young suitor, whereupon he soothed her by saying: "Say Pettie (his pet name for